

Meeting	Audit Committee	Date	09/03/2015
Agenda item	6	Time	5 Minutes
Proactive publication	Yes	Internal publication	Yes
Title	Integrated assurance		
Presenter	Simon Entwisle		
ICO Plan aim	6. An efficient ICO well prepared for the future		
Information rights strategy aim	10. The public confident in information rights law as necessary, serving the public interest, effective in practice and properly enforced.		
Issue	The Audit Committee has asked for regular updates on integrated assurance at the ICO.		
Decision	There is no decision.		
Financial impact	Not relevant.		
Risks	Not relevant.		

Integrated assurance update

The latest results from the integrated assurance project were considered by Leadership Group at their January meeting. The measures surveyed focussed on information governance matters, and highlighted areas of good practice in relation to the management of removable media and the use of the government security classification. There were areas of further work identified in relation to redacting public documents, personal and acceptable use of the internet and the management of physical assets.

The information governance team reiterated the value they derive from the feedback, which helps highlight areas of confusion and inconsistency,

and enables the prioritisation of their work. The Leadership Group were very positive about their experience of the integrated assurance project, and felt it was proportionate, efficient and useful in highlighting areas of risk within their areas of responsibility. It was agreed that the next self-assessment would take place in summer, and would also include HR related measures, such as the approval of holidays, recording of flexi time and managing sickness absence.